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A bee in your bonnet or a comment to make? Have your say here...

IF you want to express your opinion or comment on anything that affects us as a community, this is the place to do it. Be it a bouquet or a brickbat, let's hear it. But please keep your letters short. We do reserve the right to cut letters to fit if necessary. If you contact *The Beeston Express* by email (see panel on page 2), remember to include your home address.

Given the run-around

DEAR EDITOR: (With regard to the closure of Grove Avenue to through traffic during the tram construction works). I am very pleased for the inhabitants of Grove Avenue on safety grounds, although a few, I think, were caught out and had some difficulty in sorting out access.

This is because of the misleading way in which the diversion signs have been placed, although the signs only mention Park Road and Cator Lane.

Both Park Road and Grove Avenue are accessible from their northern ends should one wish to visit someone there, but this is not clear. Approaching from Beeston, the diversion signs direct drivers to continue along Bramcote Avenue, down Bramcote Lane and School Lane and work their way round to the very point at which the roads are blocked!

An access sign at the end of Park Road is placed parallel to Bramcote Avenue and one has passed it before it's been noticed.

The situation is further complicated by contradictory diversion signs being placed practically opposite each other, e.g. at the junction of Bramcote Avenue and Bramcote Lane.

'End of Diversion' signs are also misleading, as those on Bramcote Avenue appear when drivers are still using a diversion to reach Chilwell High Road.

Can we have some commonsense applied, please?

*Betty Cliffe
Woodville Close, Chilwell*

Enough to make you swear

DEAR EDITOR: I have often wondered why people feel the need to use bad language but I think I am beginning to understand. I sometimes feel so frustrated these days, listening to our politicians, that I, too, could swear.

What is happened to this great country of ours? Local business and enterprise is suppressed, so many job cuts, the housing shortage, cuts in services for children, the disabled and the elderly. Wage cuts, wage freezes, hospitals unable to cope (no longer fit-for-purpose) and now a rise in (county) council tax.

When will it end? People just cannot cope with the price rises in food, gas, electricity, petrol, diesel and public transport, road and rail.

When will Cameron, Clegg and Miliband listen to the people? We need to cut immigration and bring it under control. We should have a referendum now before it's too late. We elected our MPs in at the last election to speak for us, but it seems that once they are elected, they stop taking any notice of the wishes of the voters.

If you are happy with the way things are going at the moment, then vote for the same old, same old at the next election. But if you want things to change, both locally and nationally, then it might be time to consider a change in your voting habits!

*Bob Heeley,
UKIP supporter, Chilwell*

Residential Care Homes

DEAR EDITOR: I hardly know where to start with the latest news on a well respected, highly regarded, gold-standard local residential care home for the elderly.

I refer to Bramwell, of course. An ex-County Council care home for the elderly, specialising in nursing for dementia. It was sold by the county council in 2012 to a private sector care-provider after a three year controversial and high-profile campaign by 'The Friends of Bramwell', a non-political and cross-party campaign group set up to offer advice and to advise the Conservative-controlled Nottinghamshire County Council on the huge mistake they were about to make, and are now having to live with the outcome at Bramwell on their decision to sell of six of the best high-standard facilities for elderly care in Nottinghamshire.

Bramwell, off Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, has been inspected by the regulatory body for standards expected in care for the elderly, the Care Quality Commission [CQC]. The first unannounced inspection took place in May this year with a follow-up inspection in August. They have now published their findings, and I am afraid they do not make for good reading at all.

Notts County Council's department for Adult Care has put restricting orders into place and has ceased making referrals to Bramwell, and are working with the now-owners to rectify

the five conditions that were sadly not met on the recent Bramwell inspections.

Any interested person can gain access and read these damning reports by going on line at

www.cqc.org.uk and search for the report on Bramwell, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham. NG9 3DU.

The CQC are our inspectors of hospitals, care homes, doctors and dentists. It's their job to see if these services are meeting essential standards and report on their findings.

I will not revel in the fact that our predictions have turned out to be completely correct, it's the fall in standards for our elderly that I am most concerned with, the carers who are working at Bramwell are, as usual, working very hard to maintain the high standards once held and practised at this once prestigious residential care home. Not so highly acclaimed at this moment in time.

I sincerely hope those councillor's who supported and voted for these care homes to be sold off to the private sector can live with their conscience and will now hang their heads in complete and utter shame.

I have attempted to contact various councillor's but, as yet, my emails have not received any replies. I wait with anticipation.

*Kenneth Burton,
ex-chairman 'The Friends of
Bramwell'*

Attenborough Cricket Club wishes to thank the local community for its support

GIVEN the poor weather - very strong winds and some rain - at this year's firework display held at Attenborough Cricket Club, the organisers of the event were particularly grateful for the support of the local community for their attendance at the event on Saturday evening, November 2, given such difficult conditions.

More than 1,000 spectators young and old braved the elements and, stepping out, were rewarded with an excellent firework display whilst enjoying the food and drink on offer.

Attenborough CC has been unable to hold their firework display for the previous two years whilst the flood wall defences were being built, so they were very pleased to be able to resume normal service after the enforced break and hold the display, welcoming old friends back to cricket ground and pavilion on The Strand at Attenborough.

Club spokesman Nick Allcoat said: "We had a fantastic evening in spite of the weather, and we are already planning to make the event even better for next year!"

*Nick Allcoat,
on behalf of Attenborough Cricket
Club*

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